resolution was reiterated in 1966 by the Indian Historical Records Commission vide Resolution IX of its 37th Session held at Delhi.

K. Acquisition of Microfilms of Records and Maps from U.K.

(24) Resolution by Dr. Durgaprasad Bhattacharya

"Resolved that the Government of India be requested to make suitable arrangements with the Government of U.K. so that microfilmsof records and maps relating to India be always available to scholars in India at nominal cost".

Explanatory note:

Request for microfilms of some maps required for pre-census studies of India was made to the India Office Library. A large volume of rare and invaluable historical maps together with descriptive material on India as listed in the catalogue of maps preserved at the Geographical Section of the India Office Library is not available in India. Naturally research scholars have no other alternative but to depend on the India Office Library. But materials are not available as may be seen from the copy of the letter from the India Office Library.

Copy of letter No.FLI/746, dated 9.2.79 from Miss.K. Blair, India Office Library, India Office Records, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 197 Blackfriars Road, London SEI to Mr. J. Saha, ICI, Calcutta-35:

"With reference to previous correspondence, resting with my letter of 11 November, I am writing to say that we have gone carefully into the question of providing negative microfilm copies of the maps required by you. Unfortunately we do not have facilities available for reproducing copies of such large size material and I understand that the Deputy Keeper of the Records is unable to permit such material to leave the building for the purpose of reproduction elsewhere. It is possible that the National Archives, New Delhi, may be able to meet your requirements and you may wish to approach them on the matter."

Necessary arrangements should be made to make the microfilm copy of these materials available to scholars in India.

Standing Committee's views:

The National Archives of India will take up the matter with the India Office Library, London and do whatever possible.

L. Preparation of Contents of the Documents by Research Scholars

(25) Resolution by Dr. Durgaprasad Bhattacharya

"Resolved that all members of the Indian Historical Records Commission specially the Directors of Archives be requested to pursue the research workers handling unpublished manuscripts for research work to prepare, if possible, a content of each document handled and a copy of the same be submitted to the Directors of Archives. The Directors may forward the same to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission. This effort may result in having gradually an idea of the subject matter of records lying scattered all over the country".